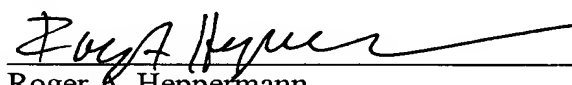




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**APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD AND  
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Applicants' Interview Summary Record

On or about March 9, 2005 applicants' attorneys Roger A. Heppermann and Marla Hudson conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Thomas K. Pham regarding the above-identified application. Claims 1-35 were discussed and applicants' attorneys discussed the differences between the prior art and applicants' invention, as recited in the independent claims of this application. Examiner Pham indicated that he would consider the applicants' arguments, which are in large part summarized by the Examiner's Interview Summary. The applicants' attorneys wish to thank Examiner Pham for his courtesy in granting the interview and for his substantial assistance in helping to advance this case towards allowance.

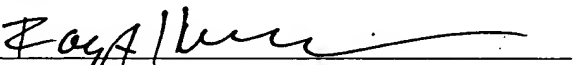
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In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, applicants note that each of the allowed claims should be limited only by the words and phrases within the claims, and not by the examiner's summary or paraphrasing of these claims. For example, while the examiner, in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, has generally paraphrased separate language found in different ones of the claims, applicants wish to note that these separate elements of the different claims should only be read to be included within the claims in which these elements are actually recited, and should not be interpreted to be within any claim based on the examiner's paraphrasing of the claims. If the examiner disagrees with these statements, the examiner is hereby respectfully requested to withdraw this case from allowance and to provide grounds as to why the examiner believes that the claims are not allowable as they currently stand.

Respectfully submitted,

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